

E-Mail ALSPO P/05

Subj: Extension of Grace Period to Decline Automatic SGLI Coverage Increase

Ref: (a) [CG-1, Flag Voice 274; Hurricanes Katrina and Rita People Support Update](#)
(b) [E-Mail ALSPO I/05; SGLI Automatic Increase](#)

Introduction The purpose of this E-Mail ALSPO is to provide guidance concerning the extension of the grace period for certain eligible members to decline the automatic increase in SGLI coverage to \$400,000.

Discussion As announced in (a), the deadline for reducing or declining increased SGLI coverage has been extended to 30 November 05 for members who were unable to make an election due to hurricanes Katrina or Rita. This extension applies to servicemembers who evacuated due to hurricanes Katrina or Rita and to those involved in those hurricane's rescue and recovery operations.

Due to the limited applicability, and the 30 November expiration date of this benefit, PSC will not be implementing programming changes to allow for automatic refund of SGLI premiums for elections processed during the month of November.

Request for Refund Process SPOs shall notify PSC (MAS), via e-mail, when an eligible member's election to reduce or decline the SGLI automatic coverage increase is input in Direct-Access between 01 and 30 November 2005.

- Address the E-Mail to PSC-MAS@hrrsic.uscg.mil
- Make the Subject "SGLI Premium Refund Request"
- Fully identify the member (Employee ID, Name, Rank, and Unit)
- Provide the date of member's SGLI election (date signed SGLV-8286 form)
- Member's new coverage election amount ("0" for declined).
- Reason member qualifies for extended grace period (e.g. Evacuation or TDY dates. If TDY, give location.)


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Questions

Reference (b) provides procedural information for entering SGLI elections in Direct-Access. Questions regarding the content of this E-Mail ALSPO may be directed to PSC Customer Care at:

 (866) 772-8724/(785) 339-2200

 <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/psc/customerservice.shtm> or e-mail to PSCCustomerCare@hrsic.uscg.mil

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 SUBJ: HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA PEOPLE SUPPORT UPDATE
 1. THIS IS AN UPDATE REGARDING PER DIEM RATES FOR MILITARY DEPENDENTS
 AT AUTHORIZED SAFE HAVENS, FOR THE SERVICEMEMBERS GROUP LIFE
 INSURANCE ELECTION EXTENSION DATE AND THE EFFORTS OF COAST GUARD
 MUTUAL ASSISTANCE.
 2. EVACUATION ALLOWANCES: THE PER DIEM, TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION
 ALLOWANCE COMMITTEE(PDTATAC) HAS EXTENDED THE PAYMENT OF 100 PERCENT
 PER DIEM FROM 60 DAYS TO 90 DAYS FOR THOSE DEPENDENTS OF MILITARY
 MEMBERS AT SAFE HAVENS. ALL QUALIFYING ACTIVE DUTY DEPENDENTS AT
 THESE LOCATIONS WILL BE ENTITLED TO THE FULL EVACUATION ALLOWANCES
 FOR THE FIRST 90 DAYS. AFTER 90 DAYS, 60 PERCENT OF THESE ALLOWANCES
 FOR DEPENDENTS AGE 12 AND OLDER, AND 30 PERCENT FOR DEPENDENTS UNDER
 AGE 12 ARE PAYABLE UP TO AN ADDITIONAL 90 DAYS, FOR TOTAL OF 180
 DAYS.
 3. SGLI EXTENSION: THE DEADLINE FOR REDUCING OR DECLINING INCREASED
 SERVICEMEMBERS GROUP LIFE INSURANCE (SGLI) COVERAGE HAS BEEN EXTENDED
 TO 30 NOV 05 IF A MEMBER WAS UNABLE TO MAKE AN ELECTION DUE TO
 HURRICANES KATRINA OR RITA. PREVIOUSLY, IF A SERVICEMEMBER PROPERLY
 COMPLETED AND SUBMITTED THE FORM BEFORE 1 NOV 05, THE MEMBER WOULD
 NOT BE LIABLE FOR THE SEP AND OCT PREMIUM ASSOCIATED WITH THE REDUCED
 OR DECLINED PORTION OF COVERAGE. THIS EXTENSION APPLIES TO
 SERVICEMEMBERS WHO EVACUATED DUE TO HURRICANES KATRINA OR RITA AND TO
 THOSE INVOLVED IN THOSE HURRICANE'S RESCUE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS,
 AND GIVES THEM 90 DAYS TO REDUCE OR DECLINE UNWANTED COVERAGE WITHOUT
 CHARGE. PSC WILL REFUND PREMIUMS DEDUCTED FOR COVERAGE IN PRIOR
 MONTHS WHEN THE SERVICEMEMBER FILES A VALID ELECTION TO REDUCE OR
 DECLINE THE COVERAGE BETWEEN 01 SEP 05 AND 30 NOV 05. IF A
 SERVICEMEMBER WISHES TO DECLINE OR REDUCE THE COVERAGE, THEY MUST
 COMPLETE A NEW SGLV 8286 (SEPTEMBER 2005
 VERSION) AT [HTTP://WWW.INSURANCE.VA.GOV](http://www.insurance.va.gov) INDICATING THE AMOUNT OF
 COVERAGE DESIRED, INCLUDING NO COVERAGE, IF APPLICABLE.
 4. COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE (CGMA): AS OF 10 NOV, THE CGMA
 KATRINA ACCOUNT HAS RECEIVED \$1,119,078 IN DONATIONS. THE OUTPOURING
 OF GENEROSITY FOR OUR PEOPLE IN THE AFFECTED AREAS HAS BEEN
 OUTSTANDING. MUTUAL ASSISTANCE HAS PROVIDED A TOTAL OF \$1,736,951 IN
 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO 808 MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES INCLUDING
 ACTIVE DUTY, RESERVE, RETIRED, CIVILIAN AND AUXILIARY WHO WERE
 VICTIMS OF HURRICANES KATRINA, RITA AND WILMA.
 5. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.
 6. RADM KENNETH T. VENUTO, ASSISTANT COMMANDANT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES,
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HURRICANES KATRINA AND RITA PEOPLE SUPPORT UPDATE

This updates several Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita related people support items and provides the latest Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Hurricane Support figures.

The Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee (PDTATAC) has extended the payment of 100 percent per diem from 60 days to 90 days for those dependents of active duty military personnel at safe havens. After 90 days, all qualifying active duty dependents will receive 60 percent of these allowances for an additional 90 days, for a total of 180 days.

The deadline for reducing or declining the recent increase in Service Member's Group Life Insurance (SGLI) coverage has been extended to 30 November 05, if a member was unable to make an election due to Hurricanes Katrina or Rita. This extension applies to service members following an order or authorization to evacuate due to Hurricanes Katrina or Rita and to those involved in hurricane rescue and recovery operations. It gives them an additional 90 days to reduce or decline unwanted coverage without charge. PSC will refund premiums deducted for coverage in prior months when the service member files a valid election to reduce or decline the coverage between 01 September 05 and 30 November 05. Coverage is automatically increased to the \$400,000 maximum level unless the service member personally reduces that coverage level. If a service member wishes to decline or reduce the coverage, they must complete a new SGLV 8286 at <http://www.insurance.va.gov> indicating the amount of coverage desired, including no coverage, if applicable.

As of today, the Coast Guard Mutual Assistance "Katrina Account" has received \$1,119,078 in donations. The outpouring of generosity for our people in the affected areas has been terrific. Mutual Assistance has provided a total of \$1,736,951 in financial assistance to 808 members and their families including Active Duty, Reserve, Retired, Civilian and Auxiliary who were victims of Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma.

Regards,

RADM Kenneth T. Venuto

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